

councilors—Dr. W. O. Smith, Dr. N. H. Chamberlain, Dr. M. L. Emerson, Dr. David Hadden, Dr. Alvin Powell, Dr. J. Maher. Delegates—Dr. M. L. Emerson was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. S. H. Buteau, resigned; 1911-1912, Dr. C. A. Dukes, Dr. Daniel Crosby, Dr. H. G. Thomas, Dr. Pauline S. Nusbaumer. Alternates (1911)—Dr. A. S. Kelly, Dr. Dudley Smith, Dr. J. L. Milton, Dr. G. G. Reinle, Dr. J. L. Lohse, Dr. J. K. Hamilton, Dr. W. H. Erwin, Dr. A. F. Gillihan.

PAULINE S. NUSBAUMER, Secretary.

BUTTE COUNTY.

The Butte County Medical Society held its regular meeting January 10th at the office of Dr. Gatchell. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. D. H. Moulton; vice-president, Dr. C. L. Browning; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Ella F. Gatchell; censor, Dr. N. T. Enloe; delegate to the State Society, Dr. O. Stansbury; alternate, Dr. C. L. Browning.

Dr. Willard B. Johnson was re-elected to membership.

Dr. James H. Parkinson, from Sacramento, addressed the meeting relative to matters of health, sanitation, organization and other subjects of interest to the medical profession.

ELLA F. GACHELL, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

At the annual meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society held at the office of Dr. B. F. Walker, the following officers were elected: B. F. Walker, president; Hudson Smythe, first vice-president; Mary Taylor, second vice-president; G. P. Hull, secretary; delegates to the State Society, A. W. Hoisholt and B. J. Powell; alternates, J. P. Hull and B. F. Walker.

The Board of Directors presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it be the sense of the Board that the San Joaquin County Medical Society shall discountenance all lodge or association contract practice and that any member of the Society who has such practice be given three months' notice to discontinue same, and if such member decline to discontinue such practice, he shall be suspended from the Society."

The same was adopted as read and shows the stand taken by the physicians of Stockton and San Joaquin County regarding cut-rate practice.

B. F. WALKER, Secretary.

SONOMA COUNTY.

The Sonoma County Medical Society held a most agreeable and interesting meeting in Santa Rosa, Thursday evening, January 5, at the Hotel Overton. Dr. Bogle presented a paper on Reorganization of the State Board of Health. Dr. C. F. Grant was appointed chairman of the program committee for the February meeting, with Drs. F. E. Sahler of Geyserville, and J. Temple of Santa Rosa, as assistants. The meeting will be held in Cloverdale. Thursday night's meeting closed with a sumptuous banquet, with the new president, Dr. J. W. Seawell, as host.

JACKSON TEMPLE, Secretary.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

The regular meeting of the California Academy of Medicine was held in the library of the San Francisco County Medical Society, on Thursday, December 22, 1910. The scientific program was as follows:

1. Demonstration of Specimen, T. C. McCleave.
2. Exhibitions of Sections Demonstrating Pathological Conditions of the Spinal Cord, M. B. Lennon.
3. Report of Three Cases of Carcinoma Developing at the Site of Injection of Autogenous Cancer Vaccine, W. B. Coffey and H. W. Gibbons.

Discussed by Drs. Ryfkogel, Stillman, Rush, Tait, Coffey.

Election of officers for the year 1911: President, George E. Ebricht; vice-president, August J. Lartigau; secretary, Ernest C. Dickson; treasurer, Henry J. Kreutzman. Meeting adjourned.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Practice of Surgery. By James Gregory Mumford, M. D. W. B. Saunders & Co., Phila. and London. 1910. Cloth, \$7.00 net.

Most particularly worthy of notice are the chapters on Minor Surgery. The discursive form in which they are cast make them lively reading; their brilliancy and conviction are almost classic. The whole book is not so uniformly good. It is true that Mumford has forestalled much criticism by a sentence of his preface, which says, "As a general surgeon I may not attempt to deal comprehensively, accurately and scholarly with all branches of surgery," and that he announces his intention of taking up surgical ailments in an unconventional order—one to be determined by their interest and importance. Yet there are some frequently encountered and important diseases which he discusses with such brevity as to impair the value of the book to students. The paragraphs on treatment are almost uniformly explicit and good; that the author has laid down his personal standpoint in them is of decided advantage to the work. The diagnosis and symptomatology are less well explained. It is to the general practitioner that the book will most strongly appeal; he will find here a guide based upon the experience of a man of recognized worth that will scarcely permit him to go astray in the treatment of his cases. The book is less adapted to the student. The unconventional arrangement makes its use difficult; the elaboration of some chapters and the meagerness of others, the little stress laid on pathology and diagnosis make one disinclined to recommend it as a textbook. The illustrations are fair on the whole, those illustrating operative procedures good, the ones of pathological conditions less apt.

L. E.

A Treatise on Diseases of the Eye. By John Elmer Weeks, M. D., Professor of Ophthalmology in the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College (Medical Department of New York University.) The Lea & Febiger, New York and Philadelphia, 1910.

Weeks has given us a book which proves a trustworthy guide for the student and general practitioner.

The development of the eye is concisely considered as is the anatomy. Then in order come general optical principles and routine examinations, followed by diseases of the various tunics taken in anatomical order.

In these various chapters nothing original is brought forth although the latest views as accepted are tersely given.